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Dear Public Health Committee chairs and members,

The Connecticut Society of Medical Assistants is working again this year with the 2016 Connecticut Legislation to get the Bill SB 5129 passed. This bill would allow Certified Medical Assistants (CMA's) and Registered Medical Assistants (RMA's) to administer vaccines. Although I feel I am educated and trained to administer a variety of medications, I realize taking small steps towards the CSMA future goals is a great compromise and would be a great place to start.

I support the Bill SB 5129 because I feel that Certified Medical Assistants are caring Allied Health Professionals educated and trained to work in the outpatient setting under the direct supervision of physicians. Certified Medical Assistants are the most versatile members of the healthcare team, skilled at multi-tasking and the backbone of many physician offices. We are the first person the patient connects with in the office and usually the last.

Connecticut is one of only two states in the nation where Certified Medical Assistants are not allowed to administer medications and practice to the full scope of their educational and professional training. If this bill is passed it will allow Certified Medical Assistants to administer vaccines and allow the Licensed Health Care Providers to see more patients and focus more on assessment and clinical care of the patient. It will also bring the patient back to the physician, who knows them best. It will also enhance the medical assisting profession by increasing opportunities for more jobs.

I ask you to please support Bill 5129.

Thank you,

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